SEEDS Technology Infusion Study

Second SEEDS Public Workshop

Plenary Overview

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- > Technology infusion process
- > Capability needs identification
- > Breakout Session SEEDS Vision for 2010

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Study Motivation

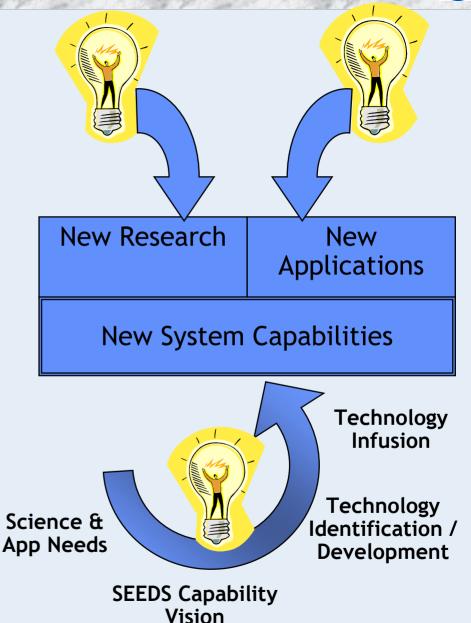
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ESE science and applications goals for 2010-2025 will challenge existing systems

- Increased accuracy/precision in physical models
- Increased demand for near-real-time data
- Increasing need to combine different data sources
- Continually increasing data volumes

Many questions remain

- ➤ What new capabilities are needed?
- ➤ What new technologies are needed?
- What technologies need to be pushed forward?
- ➤ How will we infuse new technologies into systems?



SEEDS Technology Infusion Study



Purpose

- Define processes to infuse new technologies into ESE data systems
- Define and conduct community-based processes to identify needed capabilities & technologies
 - Facilitate creation of a SEEDS capability vision
- Determine roles of ESTO AIST and SEEDS with regard to prototyping needs

Schedule

- □ Identify preliminary list of 11/06/01 NewDISS technology drivers
- □ ESTO Technology Workshop 01/09/02 draft technology needs 05/01/02
- SEEDS Capabilities Vision workshop 06/17/02 draft vision 09/01/02
- □ Develop draft technology plans 07/01/02
- □ Identify draft approach to 09/01/02 SEEDS technology infusion
- □ Technology Development and 12/30/02 Infusion Plan

Approach

- □ Leverage ESTO AIST processes
 - Evaluate the ESTO AIST strategic planning process to assess applicability to SEEDS to support technology needs and investments
- Articulate a SEEDS technology planning process
- Create SEEDS capabilities vision via community input
 - Identify SEEDS scenarios for 2010+ to characterize needed capabilities
 - Results drive technology needs database
- Work with Standards & Interfaces for Future ESE Missions study group to develop SEEDS technology infusion plan
 - Research "best practices"
 - > Investigate procurement options

Status

- □ Held AIST Workshop Jan. 9-10, 2002 and currently finalizing inputs
- □ SEEDS vision discussion at ESIP meeting May 14
- SEEDS Public Workshop vision discussion June 17

Technology Infusion Process Definition



□ Goals of the process

- > Provide technical capabilities needed to meet the ESE science and application goals
 - Enable effective use of earth science data and information for research and applications
 - Enable easy exchange of Earth science data and information among diverse distributed systems

Principles

- > Consensus/cooperation/community-centric
- > Open solutions to accelerate technology infusion

Just starting process definition

- > Several informal interviews conducted
- Examined model processes including OGC Interoperability Program
- Looking for more input at this workshop

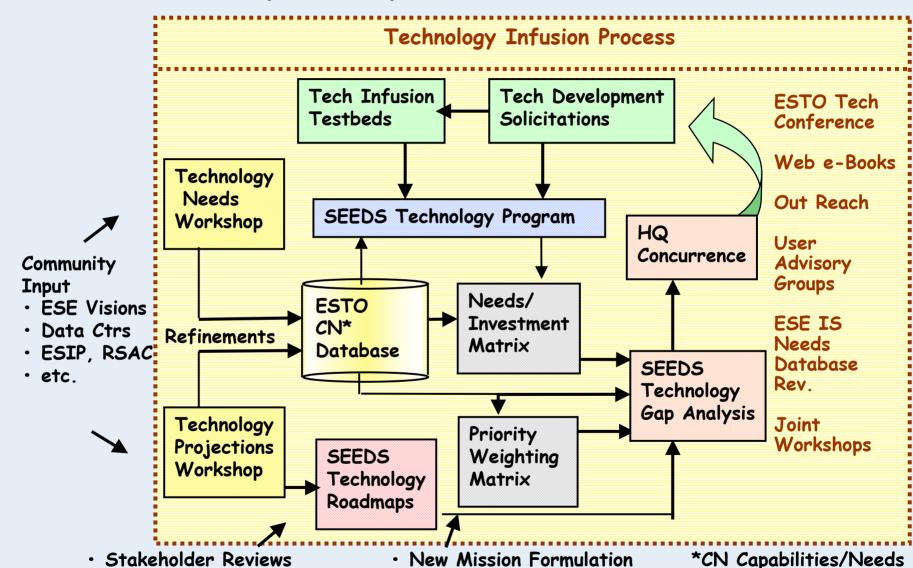
Highlights of tech infusion process issues

- > Intellectual property rights raises numerous barriers to technology infusion
- > Applications developers may be less tolerant of hard-to-integrate technologies
 - Too much effort may mean the business is not sustainable
- > User acceptance of technology depends on user understanding of its benefits
 - Infusion is not primarily a technical issue
- Introduction of some computing technologies is easier now (e.g., Linux clusters)
- > Tech infusion must recognize trend toward dominant commercial products for core functions (e.g., Oracle for DBMS, ESRI for GIS)

ESE Technology Planning Process



□ Goal is to extend/adapt current process for SEEDS



Technology Infusion Process Definition



Key elements

- Collaborative evaluation process (ground rules and methodology)
- > Gap identification/prioritization (identify targets for tech infusion)
- Procedures for conducting technology infusion initiatives (OGC model)
- > Review and management process

Need detailed process for each tech infusion initiative

- Assessment
 - Identify what problem to tackle (= Vision current state)
 - Identify potential solutions (possibly competing solutions)
- Concept
 - Define approach, how to evaluate technology solution(s)
- Architecture/infrastructure
 - Identify team, systems, components, test data, ...
- Development
 - Create, modify, integrate components
- Execution
 - Test, experiment, measure, recurse
- > Profit
 - Document, report, distribute, promulgate

Capability Needs Identification



- □ Builds on current ESE tech planning process and needs database
 - ➤ See esto.nasa.gov → Documentation → Capability & Needs for SAT → AIST
- □ Workshops and individual interviews conducted to identify capability needs
 - > Looking for more input at this workshop
 - > Study team will assemble input into a straw vision
- □ Highlights of needed capabilities identified so far
 - > Near-real-time data delivery to support apps related to weather, disaster relief, etc.
 - ➤ <u>Web self-throttling capabilities</u> to handle a broader user population with more data processing capability (HW & SW)
 - Content-based search mechanisms to reduce dependency on manually-created metadata
 - > Mechanisms to show <u>data lineage</u> to trusted data sources and transformations applied along the way
 - Easier <u>data fusion</u> to enable more complex models, more interdisciplinary science, and diverse applications
 - > Flexible toolkits that can adapt to changing user needs
 - > Better support (e.g., plug-ins) for commercial application packages like ArcInfo, IDL
 - ➤ <u>Tools</u> to enable chains of value-added services (e.g., aggregation servers) to fulfill application needs

SEEDS Capability Vision



□ Important part of the capability needs identification process

- > Defines the target we are trying to hit
- > Highlights gaps that exist and barriers to reaching the science and application goals
- > Provides guidance for technology infusion efforts

Key characteristics

- > Focused on ESE data systems for science data processing
- > Supports the ESE vision for science and applications
- > Represents the view of the ESE community

Related visions

- > ESE Research Vision
- > ESE Applications Strategic Plan
- ➤ NASA's Vision of the Future (IGARSS video)

□ Technology infusion process definition

- > Gather community input on process
 - Review and dissemination of input from first SEEDS public workshop, ESIP SEEDS meeting
 - Second SEEDS public workshop (you are here!)
- > Identify technology infusion strategies and model processes
- ➤ Identify needed extensions to current AIST process
- Document process in a SEEDS Technology Development & Infusion Plan

Capability needs identification

- ➤ Initiate development of a SEEDS capability vision
 - Second SEEDS public workshop (you are here!)
 - One-on-one Interviews (in progress)
 - ESIP Federation Cluster (ongoing?)
 - AIST capabilities/needs workshop (future?)
- > Define vision document structure & content
- > Synthesize community input into a capability vision document

Technology Infusion & Capability Vision Workshop



□ Logistics

- > Today @ 1:00
- > Breakout rooms 1 & 2

□ Goal

- > Begin to define a capability vision for ESE data systems in the SEEDS era
- Capture your thoughts and recommendations

□ Topics

- > SEEDS Capability Vision
 - Needed capabilities
 - Barriers that hinder current work
 - Relevant prototypes
 - Technology trends and changes in data usage
- > Technology infusion process

□ Recommended attendees

- > Mission data providers
- > Application service/data providers
- > Science data users

□ Lunch exercise

- > Imagine the capabilities of future ESE data systems
- > Bring your ideas to the workshop!